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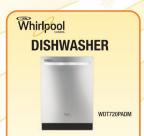
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Your essential daily news

THE TIME CAPSULE EDITION

Monday, December 28, 2015



Alberta saw a political shift as NDP Leader Rachel Notley was named the province's new Premier on May 5, 2015, ending the long reign of the Progressive Conservatives. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Syrian refugees arrive at the island of Kos, Greece, after crossing from Turkey in August. Many have been approved for entry to Canada, including some to Calgary. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



Most of Canada cheered on Oct. 19 when Justin Trudeau won the federal election and became prime minister. The Liberals won two seats in Calgary. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CULTURAL EVOLUTION

Big things are happening; we record them in this edition



Welcome to Metro's Time Capsule. Maybe you're wondering what it is you're holding. Allow me to explain.

This past year, it seemed to us, was a year in which we were on the verge of ... something. We couldn't put our finger on exactly what it was, but change was undeni-

ably in the air.

We saw it in our cities, in our country, and in our world. We saw it on our TVs, laptops, and phones. We saw it in Paris, in Ottawa, and south of the border. We saw it in how we talked to and treated each other.

In Calgary, 2015 and 2016 figure to be remembered as

pivotal years: beyond the surprise election of an NDP government.

At times like these the desire to look ahead is matched only by the desire to take stock — to preserve for posterity a world and way of life that won't be entirely familiar to the future.

Hence, our Time Capsule.

We've collected artifacts that signify some of the momentous changes — also some of the weird and random changes — that are underway (or imminent) and we've stuffed them into the edition you're holding. On every page you'll find a story about one of them.

METRO'S TIME CAPSULE 2015

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to preserve our moment in time, and we hope it will be your pleasure as readers to marvel at a world that has still yet to become what it will become.

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years, 30 years. You won't believe what you'll read.





RANGE CRU

NDP MAJORITY

People couldn't believe the results

Trina Moyles For Metro | Calgary

It was a year in Albertan politics where unlikely symbols assumed new political and social meanings. A can of Orange Crush soda, for instance, a tangerine tidal wave, and slogans like "Orange is the New Blue.'

On May 5, like it, or loathe it, orange changed everything as the NDP, led by Rachel Notley, won majority government for the first time in Alberta's history.

As the orange wave grew in size and strength, NDP supporters and opponents couldn't believe what the polls were showing.

"People didn't expect an NDP majority," says Ricardo Acuña, executive director of the Parkland Institute. "After 44 years of Conservative rule in Alberta, people had become fatalistic in thinking we might get a larger or smaller opposition, but we'd never have a change in govern-

John Jackson, a retired public servant and resident of the Edmonton area, was one of the disbelievers. In 1971, he voted for the first time in his life and stuffed envelopes for (Rachel's dad) Grant Notley's campaign. That was the year Peter Lougheed took the throne.

"Since 1971, I've voted provincially in 1975, 1979, 1982, 1986, 1989, 1993, 1997, 2001, 2004 and 2008," says Jackson. "In 2015, I (finally) voted for a winning candidate and new government.

Edmonton was at the epicenter of the orange wave. Every riding in the area turned from blue, or red

to orange. Even unlikely places where non-PC candidates had long held the helm, including the Liberal's Laurie Blakeman in Edmonton-Centre, were swept

away NDP supporters filled the Westin Hotel's reception room



Rachel Notley's NDP did the unthinkable in 2015: They formed a majority government in Alberta, taking even some of the most staunchly conservative ridings, JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and celebrated until wee hours of the morning. Bewildered opponents wondered on Twitter, "Has hell frozeth over?" and the following morning, fat snowflakes fell from the sky and covered Edmonton's streets.

Extremists announced the world was coming to an end. But moving into 2016, the province is still standing under NDP leadership. They've put forward and passed new policies on climate change, farmworkers and health care.

Alberta's opposition parties, stunned by May's orange wave, are starting to pick up steam again. They saw an opening in bill 6, the NDP's

controversial legislation on farmworker protections, and are building capacity again. It's a good thing, says Acuña.

"Having no opposition isn't healthy — we know that after the past 44 years," he says. "There's more of a consolidated opposition now, which will make for a healthier debate and dialogue in the province.'

INTO THE CAPSULE

Case of Orange Crush soda

Regardless of how long the NDP stay in power, the orange wave that hit Alberta will be remembered for years to come. It's awakened the city and province to the reality that political change is always possible and it's inspired a new sense of engagement and energy around politics.





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A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE **CANCELLATIONS**

The good thing is, the City of Calgary and Calgary Transit are trying to get their \$5 million back. That's the \$5 million they surrendered after they cut ties with Schneider Electric (originally called Telvent), for the second time in five years, for squandering plans for an electronic fare system.

When you see the paper CTrain ticket inside the time capsule to be opened two, five, 10 years from now (especially those of you reading our paper on the train at that point), you'll probably say to yourself, "Why is this in here, it looks exactly the same as the ticket I bought today?"

That's exactly why it's in

"The requirements were clear, but unfortunately at this time they (Schneider) are unable to do that and we have to cancel the project," said Calgary Transit boss Doug Morgan in June, when the project was shelved.



money after the current deal with Schneider Electric / Telvent was scrapped.



Number of passengers who rode Calgary Transit in 2014.



INTO THE CAPSULE

A paper Calgary transit ticket

Calgary is still pulling coins from its collective pocket in order to pay for CTrain tickets. Calgary Transit has been promising some sort of electronic fare payment system for more than 5 years.

Length of CTrain track

Number of times Schneider Electric was hired and fired – each – for a Calgary Transit electronic fare system.

Calgary Transit first contracted then Telvent to come up with an e-fare solution in 2010, only to fire them in 2012, only to re-hire them again in 2013. This is after doling out \$500,000 in unrecoverable funds from the 2012 debacle.

The ticket is in the time capsule as a symbol of hope – but perhaps one of resignation — that no matter how hard they try, Calgary Transit might not be able to launch the electronic fare system.

We, in fact, hope the ticket in the time capsule reminds you of the old days, when you had to dig for change in your pocket and that electronic fares come soon.

There's hope.

"We're looking at all technologies for fare payment to make it easier for customers," Doug Morgan said back in June.

"They're changing rapidly with Apple Pay and other payment techniques ... so we're going to monitor those and see how those turn out prior to making any more decisions on new projects.'

Fingers crossed something happens before this time capsule is opened. METRO CALGARY

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Calgary Transit boss Doug Morgan



THE TIME CAPSULE EDITION

Ranchers from the area rode into Okotoks for a protest in early December. On this day, both the province's agriculture minister and the head of the Workers' Compensation Board addressed questions from the simmer crowd. METRO CALGARY

AGRICULTURE

LACK OF CLARITY **SPARKS PROTESTS**

LACK OF COMMUNICATION ON BILL 6 LEADS TO UPRISING FROM PROVINCE'S FARMERS

It was a miscommunication, said Premier Rachel Notley. But to Alberta's thousands of farm families, there was no communication at all.

Protests sprung up across Alberta; people drove from across the province to gather en masse in various centres, all in opposition of Notley's

Bill 6 was introduced in the fall legislative session, putting farm safety front and centre in Alberta, the only province in Canada without such rules. It would slap farmers with the workers compensation tab for anyone working on their farm, including — at the time

family members, neighbours and others looking to lend a helping hand.

Many farmers rode in on livestock from miles away, armed with placards scrawled with "No to Bill 6" or "You're destroying our generational farm."

So, as a reminder of the fight our Alberta farmers put up, you'll open the time capsule next year, two years or five years from now and see a horseshoe.

The horseshoe will be a reminder of the tractors lining major highways in Alberta,

Compensation or couldn't help on the farm. the pigs on leashes and, of course, the horses ranchers rode in on, each with their own personal message to the

premier of Alberta. But to our readers it will mostly represent the lack of communication - or consultation — with Alberta's farm

Braeden Stanley organized the Bill 6 protest Dec. 3 in Calgary. His concerns summed up those of most Alberta farm families.

"None of (our) questions are getting answered," he said. "(Notley's) doing a lot of pushing and not a lot of

Ultimately, Premier Notley pushed through Bill 6 with her majority government, though, due to the uprising from farmers — who were joined by thousands of other Albertans — changes were made, exempting farm fam-

INTO THE CAPSULE

Under the initial iteration of Bill 6, one of

the most divisive pieces of legislation to

took over as premier in May, farm family

workers required coverage under Workers

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A horseshoe

Premier Notley maintains it was an initial lack of communication. Perhaps it was. But to Alberta's farmers and ranches, symbolized by the horseshoe we've put in the time capsule, there was no communication at all.

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None of (our) questions are getting answered. (Notley's) doing a lot of pushing and not a lot of talking.

Braeden Stanley

HATE AND THREATS

The spillover effect of Bill 6 saw dozens of online threats made against Premier Notley.

While the premier brushed the controversy aside, calling it 'regrettable,' the fury swelled to the point of some Albertans openly making threats against the premier's life. Even opposition leader Brian Jean stepped forward to plead with Albertans to exercise better judgment.

"Over the past few days, I've seen far too many hateful and even violent social media posts directed towards our political opponents," Jean posted to Facebook Dec. 10.

This needs to stop. This kinds of comments cross all bounds of respect and decency and have absolutely no place in our political discourse."

















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Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi and then newly-elected premier Rachel Notley showing off their NIN T-shirts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

T-SHIRT MARKS **AMAJORSHIFT**

POLITICS

Reznor not impressed with Albertan riff on NIN logo

While Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor might remember this story a different way, if he were to open the time capsule, we're sure there would be some reminder of a fine Alberta summer.

NDP leader Rachel Notley was newly minted in her role as Alberta premier, and on the political introduction circuit she met up with Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi for a tete-a-tete at the Alberta legislature.

Still giddy from the excitement of her powerhouse win over the 40year Tory dynasty in Alberta, T-shirts were made up for her, Nenshi and Edmonton mayor, Don Iveson.

It resembled the emblem for the industrial rock band Nine Inch Nails - an 'N', and 'I' and then an inverted 'N'. In addition, it read: "Building Alberta Together."

We thought it would make a great addition to the time capsule, so you, fair reader, could harken back to that moment in Alberta history where the political direction had officially changed course.

While mayors Nenshi and Iveson were firmly entrenched in their cities, the May 5 Alberta election marked the first time in 43 years Albertans had voted in a government other than the Conservatives.

Still, the T-shirt stunt left some less than thrilled.

The band's frontman, Trent Reznor, caught wind of the trio's shirt and the fact it was now being produced by members of the public for profit.

Letters were sent to all three leaders from the reps for Reznor, politely asking them to refrain from using the emblem.

"He (Reznor) basically said, 'Please don't use our logo don't use it for any purposes. It's protected," said the premier's spokeswoman, Cheryl Oates.

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INTO THE CAPSULE N(otley)-I(veson)-N(enshi) T-Shirt

The election of Mayor Nenshi in Calgary for a second term, Mayor Don Iveson in Edmonton for a first term and the NDP's Rachel Notley signalled a shift in Alberta politics. It was illustrated in a T-shirt that resembled the emblem of rock group Nine Inch Nails.

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HEALTH

New provincial government pledges \$830M over five years



Demonstrators rolled out along with the start of 2015, after thenpremier Jim Prentice announced that the government was, once again, halting the plans for a new comprehensive cancer centre in Calgary.

Outside of the McDougall Centre, cancer patients told stories of receiving biopsy treatments in closets, chemotherapy in chairs and standing in hallways for hours because the waiting rooms were full.

They brandished signs and shouted "Build it now!" in unison, calling for a renewed promise.

"Build it now!" signs will forever embody the public's push to



Hundreds of Calgarians rallied outside of the McDougall Centre on Jan. 26, 2015, in an attempt to revive plans for a new comprehensive cancer centre in Calgary. That wish was fulfilled in July when the NDP government announced plans to build the centre at Foothills Hospital. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

TIMELINE

2013: Plans to build a new cancer centre are announced with plans to be completed by 2016

Fall 2014: The Conservative government puts plans for a comprehensive cancer centre on permanent hiatus

March 2015: Plans are changed from a comprehensive cancer centre to a centre that is split between

May 2015: The NDP government wins the provincial election

July 2015: Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman announces that the original plan will be reinstated, having one comprehensive cancer centre at the Foothills Hospital

October 2015: The 2015 budget comes out, with the NDP government promising \$830 million to the project with construction completed by 2024

2017: When construction is set to begin

INTO THE CAPSULE

'Build it Now' picket sign

By 2030, cancer rates are expected to rise in Alberta by up to 60 per cent, and the existing Tom Baker Cancer Centre has already been at capacity for more than a decade. The Conservative government put the project on a permanent hiatus in the fall of 2014, after the price of oil dropped. Once in power, the NDP announced that the project will be completed by 2020, and then pushed the plan back four years to 2024.



have a unified cancer treatment centre.

And that promise was made in May, after the NDP took power over the province.

The year started with a demand, and ended with an answer from a new government. Which is why our holiday time capsule is including this picket sign with that demand: "Build It Now," marking the work that has been done, and the work that's left to do.

In July, Health Minister Sarah Hoffman said she hoped to have the \$1.3-billion centre open by 2020. But when the budget dropped in October, Premier Rachel Notley announced that construction will begin in 2017 and the centre will open in Lot 7 of the Foothills Hospital by 2024.

"Original timelines for the

project were based on certain economic realities that are very different than today," said John Osler, co-leader of Concerned Citizens for the Calgary Cancer Centre. "The delay is not unexpected and I think (the government) is doing the very best they can."

Albertans continue to struggle with the plummet in oil prices, but the government has pledged \$830 million over the course of five years.

Osler had been fighting for the long-overdue cancer centre

since the beginning. He said the existing Tom Baker Cancer Centre has been at capacity since 2001 — a fact that is especially alarming when paired with Hoffman's statement that cancer rates are expected to rise in Alberta by 60 per cent in 15 years.

And even with the four-year delay, the announcement was met with a collective sigh of relief from cancer patients who hope that future Albertans won't be left sitting in a broom closet, waiting to receive treatment.

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AS STREAMING PICKS UP SPEED, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO **LESSER-KNOWN FILMS NOT IN** THE NETFLIX DATABASE?



We'd be prepared to wager a steep bet that the average Calgarian says, reads or writes the word "Netflix," on a daily basis (in fact, reader, you just did). But for Calgary's last video rental store, that trend came at a price.

Sheryl Guillaume, owner of Jon Lord's Casablanca Video, shut the doors to her Macleod Trail South store this year, shortly after the original location in Marda Loop closed down in 2014.

In honour of the landmark store, we're including this hard copy of the film — and the store's namesake — Casablanca, in this holiday time capsule. As a wise man once said, "the times, they are achangin'," and it's no surprise that our city changes along with it. In the years to come, when you read this capsule's passage, other Calgary mainstays may be a thing of the past.

Ever since Guillaume packed up her massive collection 80,000 videos and hard-to-find titles, she's been working towards reopening. Casablanca Video was a part of Calgary for 34 years, and even without a store-front, Guillaume shows no sign of giving up on the next act. She revealed her plan to open a new store back in June, but has yet to find the funding.

Moving along with the years, she said her next location will have a screening

room to hold classes and give independent Alberta moviemakers a venue to test their work. But as the Netflix era continues, she worries that the lesser-known films some of which she has the last remaining copy of - will fall into disuse.

It's been a long year for many Calgary businesses, having fallen on rough economic times. The Unicorn Pub and the Roadhouse also closed their doors, after having them open for decades. But they say Calgarians are resilient, and Guillaume has every hope that Casablanca Video will return with a new look - because classics have a way of sticking around.

Who knows? Maybe you, our future reader, are sitting in the new screening room of Casablanca Video this very minute. WITH FILES FROM JEREMY NOLAIS AND HELEN PIKE

BY THE NUMBERS

1981 The year Casablanca Video opened its doors in Marda Loop

2014 When the Marda Loop location was closed

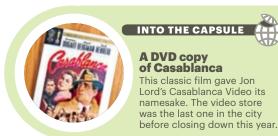
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The rise and fall of Paskapoo Slopes

Green space will become **Whistler-style** development



Jennifer Friesen For Metro

A decades-long fight over Calgary's Paskapoo Slopes finally came to a close this summer, when city council approved a controversial development proposal for the land.

It was 42 hours of sizzling debate. Dozens of impassioned Calgarians filled the council chambers to plead their case. The frustration hit a boiling point by the second day, causing one woman to hurl a library book at city councillors before being ushered out by security.

It was the public's emotional reaction, summed up by the launched library book, which drove Coun. Druh Farrell to vote against the plan - but the proposal was still approved with a vote of 12-3. It's also why we chose to put it in our time capsule.

Whether you open the capsule in one, two, five or 10 years, the library book will represent the battle over the fate of Paskapoo Slopes.

"I hope that we take every effort possible to tread lightly on this site," said Farrell, adding that people believe the land is "precious."

Now, as one of Calgary's few green spaces faces development, the group of Calgarians who saw the slopes as a sanctuary from the city aren't happy. And the push-back (and passionately thrown artifacts) are a result of these changes.

"It's about saving a piece of Calgary's legacy, building on that legacy and preserving it rather than just building development after development," said Ken Bilous in February, while still campaigning against the development with the group "Save the Slopes." Trinity Development Group

acquired the land just east of Canada Olympic Park in 2013, and now, with council's official approval, they will transform

100 acres at the base of the slopes into about a mixed-use develop-

> ment. Likened to Whistler Village, Trinity Hills will have 1,600 homes, along with office, retail and hotel space.

Alberta, at large, faced a multitude of



Watch this space: For 1,600 homes and office, retail and hotel construction. FLICKR: EILEENMAK

change in 2015; it was even used as slogan for a successful campaign. But to some, change isn't always for the best, which is why this library book will go down as a piece of

Calgary's history in our 2015 time capsule.

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INTO THE CAPSULE

Monday, December 28, 2015

Library book as symbol of anger

On the second day of the Paskapoo Slopes development hearing at city council which spanned 42 hours - one woman grew so frustrated that she threw a library book across the room. Despite public protest, city council has approved development, with construction expected to start in 2016.

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CALGARYNEXT

Question of who will clean up land set for arena lingers

It's been in the works for some time: a palatial new home for the NHL's Calgary Flames. Rumours had swirled regarding its location, with some saying it would stay at the current Stampede Park site, others speculating it might move northwestward and take up the space of former Foothills Stadium.

Some, with inside knowledge, may have suspected the arena would coincide with redevelopment of the West Village, brainchild of previous mayor Dave Bronconnier.

And so it was announced Aug. 17, hours after images of the CalgaryNEXT proposal were leaked online. It would be the West Village.

One problem — and this is where our item for the time capsule comes into play.

While we'll always re-



Artist's rendition of the CalgaryNEXT project. CONTRIBUTED

member plans for the new 19,000-seat arena, 30,000-seat stadium for the CFL's Calgary Stampeders and public fieldhouse, the one thing we might overlook is the creosote-soaked site it's planned

We've included a bag of said dirt in the time capsule as a reminder of the remediation that will likely be as sticky as

the push for public money.
"We don't know if it's

\$50 million or \$300 million, said Ken King, president and CEO of the Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corpora\$890M

Proposed cost of the CalgaryNEXT project

tion, owner of the Flames and Stampeders.

Luckily, it seems the West Village's renaissance has sparked a conversation on remediation plans for the site, regardless of cost. If, in fact, the Calgary Flames want a new home, the site will have to be fixed.

The multimillion-dollar question, however, will be who foots the bill.



Containment wall fails to keep in carcinogen

Now-defunct Canada Creosote (formerly the Domtar Corporation) had operated the 9th Avenue S.W. site for 40 years, from the mid-1920s to the early 1960s.

The company left behind large volumes of the carcinogenic compound — used to prevent wood from rotting — in

The 1990s saw a containment wall built to prevent the creosote from spreading, but some of it still gets into the river.

The province continues to test the water regularly to monitor the situation.



INTO THE CAPSULE

A bag of creosotesoaked, west-side dirt

While public money for a sports complex will take up a lion's share of the CalgaryNEXT debate, who foots the bill for a creosote cleanup at the site will be a close second.







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SEEDING A NEW SYSTEM OF POT SALES

Liberals to create task force for legalization

The federal Liberals promised to legalize recreational marijuana during the 2015 election. In December, after they took power, they promised in the inaugural throne speech to "legalize, regulate and restrict access to marijuana" to keep it out of the hands of children while also denying criminals the financial profits.

The new government plans to remove possession of small amounts of marijuana from the Criminal Code and create new laws to more severely punish those who provide it to minors or drive while under its

There are dozens of clinics or dispensaries springing up in cities across Canada that sell medicinal marijuana - mainly in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia - and there are referral-only clinics staffed with doctors who assess patients but don't sell pot. They give patients a prescription to take to a licensed marijuana producer.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised to create a task force with representatives from the three levels of government and, with input from experts in public health, substance abuse and policing, to help design a new system of marijuana sales and distribution.

Trudeau stressed the importance of listening to municipal partners, provinces and the medical marijuana industry, as well as drawing on best practices from around the world.

"We are going to get this right in a way that suits Can-



The Liberals have promised marijuana revenue will go to addictions and mental health treatments. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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adians broadly, and specifically in their communities.

Trudeau also said any tax revenues from legal marijuana should go toward addiction treatment, mental health support and education programs not general revenues.

"It was never about a moneymaker," he said.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne recently said that provincially owned Liquor Control Board of Ontario stores were "very well-suited" to sell marijuana.

Wynne isn't the only one looking for a socially responsible way to retail marijuana. The British Columbia Government and Service Employees' Union and the B.C. Private Liquor Store Association joined forces to call for legal marijuana to be sold through their existing retail system, which includes about 200 private and 200 government-run stores.

BCGEU president Stephanie Smith said the union did not take a position on whether it supports the plan to legalize marijuana, "but we do believe that when this happens, it ought to be sold in the most socially responsible way possible, in an age-controlled environment with the strongest track record of checking iden-

Expectations are changing

fast in Ontario, which only last week updated its liquor laws to allow the sale of six-packs of beer in selected grocery stores. Minutes after Wynne made the announcement, she was asked why grocers couldn't also sell pot.

"I don't know what the federal government is going to bring forward, but we will work with them to make sure there are parameters of social responsibility around marijuana." THE CANADIAN PRESS

INTO THE CAPSULE

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For generations, recreation marijuana use was seen as, if not deviant, then at least criminal. The new Liberal government was elected, in part, on a promise to



BUDDING BROMANCE

POLITICS

'Sunny ways' leader brightens U.S. relations

Melissa **Dunne** For Metro Canada

When Justin met Barack it was seen as the start of a beautiful bromance.

While former prime minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama always kept things professional, one got the sense their relationship was more a marriage of convenience than a meeting of the souls.

When Obama and newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held their first news conference in late November one felt like yelling out: "Get a room, already!"

The frosty relations between

America and Canada were clearly heating up with Obama, 54, warmly joking that Trudeau would have to start dyeing his famous brunette mane soon before it started to grey like his own had over the course of his presidency.

In the weeks following the Liberal leader's victory over the Conservative incumbent, much real and virtual ink had been spilled about Trudeau's luxurious locks, his fit physique and beautiful brood. Like Obama early on in his presidency, there was an explosion of stories regarding his DILF-in-chief status. And like Obama, it will be Trudeau's job to get the media and the public to start gushing over his sharp mind instead of his chiselled arms.

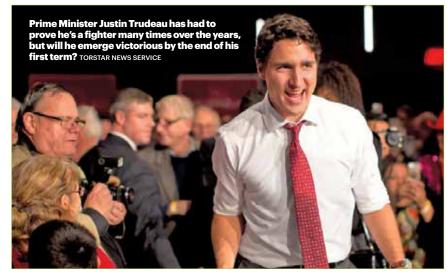
He's done it before.

Over his lifetime, Trudeau's many naysayers have often portrayed him as a himbo born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Even glowing Vogue and The New York Times Magazine profiles printed shortly after his election victory both acknowledged his image for many years was that of the "feckless" son of former prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

But, the 44-year-old has proven to be a fighter many times over the years.

During the long 2015 election campaign, Harper tried to dismiss Trudeau as a silly scion who was "just not ready." But, just as he had done in his boxing match with Patrick Brazeau years before, the son of Pierre Trudeau went in as the underdog and emerged as the winner.

In early 2016, Obama was set to take his relationship with Trudeau to the next level by wining and dining him at a state dinner. For Canada's "sunny ways" leader, however, a possible dark cloud lurked on the horizon - the U.S. election. A year into his leadership, Trudeau will have to try to form a new bond with the new president of the United States.



As 2015 wound down it seemed the eventual winner was likely to be either life-long politician Hillary Clinton or the controversycourting Donald Trump.
It's clear Trudeau

will have to prove he can withstand the political punches round after round after round. Will he ultimately have his hand held up in the air in victory, or will he be holding his head in his hands in defeat at the end of



On Nov. 19, 2015 - after many years of polite, but distant relations - Canada's new prime minister ushered in what many hope will be an era of warmth between the U.S. and Canada as he met with the president for the first time.

his first term? Will he run for re-election and win again like his late father did? The future is not ours to see, but if fils

is like père, Trudeau 2.0 will certainly continue to give us something worth watching in 2016 and beyond.

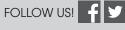




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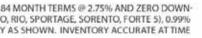
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SENATE REFORM **ISN'T SO** SIMPLE

ANALYSIS

Unelected legislative body seems anachronistic

Gabriel Zarate For Metro

The Canadian Senate is a funny thing. In a world where a government's power is considered legitimate through democratic elections, our appointed Senate seems anachronistic at best.

The Senate's unelected nature has turned it into a cesspool of partisan crony appointments by both Liberal and Conservative prime ministers.

This has not endeared it to Canadians in recent decades, nor have years of scandals among sitting senators.

Currently, the reputed king of scandalous senatorial behaviour is Mike Duffy, accused of filing tens of thousands of dollars of bogus expense claims, inappropriately awarding consulting contracts and accepting a bribe from then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper's chief of staff Nigel Wright to pay the Senate back when he was caught.

It doesn't have to be this way, and maybe by the time this time capsule is opened, it won't be.

For decades Canadians have talked about reforming or even abolishing the Senate.

An elected Senate with term limits was one of Harper's major pledges throughout his political career and, in the recent federal campaign, New Democratic Party leader Tom Mulcair vowed abolition should his party be elected.

However, in 2014 the Supreme Court ruled that such major changes would not be

A constitutional amendment would be necessary, and that would require approval of seven out of 10 provinces for Harper's reforms and all 10 provinces in the case of abolition.

Lest we forget, the last time Canadians were asked to amend the Constitution was in the Meech Lake Accord of 1987, which was resoundingly defeated in a referendum - despite its endorsement by all the federal party leaders. This was no doubt on Harper's mind when he abandoned Senate reform, especially considering his atrocious record working with provincial governments.

Current Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has moved toward reform in a less radical way, one that does not require Constitutional revision: by maintaining the appointed nature of Senators but (in theory) removing the partisan cronyism which has come to characterize the upper house.

As Opposition leader Trudeau expelled Liberal senators from his party's caucus, officially making them independent members.

Since his election as prime minister two Conservative Senators - Jacques Demers and John Wallace — quit their caucus in support of Trudeau's push for Senate non-partisan-

Recently Trudeau announced that the Senate will solicit applications from the public to fill the Red Chamber with "exceptional" Canadians from various walks of

Instead of coming from the prime minister's office, recommendations for new Senators now will come from an armslength, independent, five-member advisory board.

INTO THE CAPSULE **Courtroom sketch of Duffy** The Conservative senator, who

claims he was strong-armed into unpalatable decisions by thenprime minister Stephen Harper and members of his inner circle, is still in court dealing with 31 charges of fraud, breach of trust and bribery.



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DONALD TRUMP'S **CLOWNING GLORY**

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

From silly punchline to contender



Melissa **Dunne** For Metro

In the dog days of Summer 2015 Donald Trump's wrinkled, jowly, aged-spotted head, adorned with his infamous comb-over, landed on the cover of Time magazine. In bold white font were three words: "Deal with it."

Soon after his face and ri-

diculous hairdo landed on the cover of Rolling Stone. Even The New York Times Magazine put him on their front, albeit opting for a cartoon likeness of his visage on a balloon float-

ing upwards.
While print media's influence was dwindling in the face of stiff competition from online news sites, landing the cover of a glossy magazine still could (and clearly did) inflate a person's ego and influence in 2015. Trump didn't appear to mind that the articles inside those magazines' pages were not flattering as the cover stories only seemed to prove an old adage the once-reality television star understood all

too well: All publicity is good publicity.

Earlier, The Huffington Post editors called out Trump's circus act deeming it a "sideshow" that was only worthy of the fluffy entertainment pages, not the serious politics section of the liberal-leaning website.

Despite reams of negative press, The Donald still went from being a silly punchline when he first threw his hat in the ring in June to a serious contender for the job of president of the United States as 2015 wound down. By late December, the billionaire blowhard turned politico had pulled off what would have sounded like a bad joke just a year earlier.

Even less funny was how the businessman pulled off such a feat. He managed to land high-profile covers and the top spot in polls for GOP leader by tapping into an undercurrent of racism still flowing in America.



Donald Trump addresses supporters at a campaign rally in Michigan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Once seen as a joke candidate, by the end of 2015 the billionaire reality-TV star had became the front-runner for the Republican nomination. This did not bode well for the political future.





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CLIMATE CHANGE

BAN GOT THE WORLD **TO AGREE**

GOVERNMENTS WORLDWIDE AGREED TO REIN IN EMISSIONS

When international negotiators reached a first-of-its kind climate change agreement in Paris this month, the United Nations' normally low-key leader, Ban Ki-moon, celebrated onstage, arms raised in victory and more exuberant than many had ever seen him before.

Nearly nine years had passed since, in his first days as secretary-general, Ban surprised world leaders by making global warming a top item on his agenda. Now, on the eve of his final year in office, the cheers in Paris marked the culmination of his nonstop campaign, pressed with world leaders at summit after summit and in locales including melting glaciers and islands at risk of disappearing.

It was an emotional moment, and looking back at the road to Paris in an interview, Ban paid tribute to many people. He also spoke proudly of his own role.

"I have spent real passion ... and most of my time and energy on this issue.'

Ban traced his interest in climate change to his yearlong campaign to lead the United Nations, which took him to many countries and broadened his vision of global issues.

At the time, climate change was not a popular topic. The 1997 Kyoto treaty, which required only rich countries to limit emissions blamed for global warming, was set to expire in 2012. Negotiations on a new agreement had almost collapsed, Ban said.

His first high-level meeting as UN chief was with then-President George W. Bush. The original agenda for their meeting didn't include climate change, Ban said, and Bush "seemed to be a little bit surprised" when he raised it.

That connection paid off at a UN conference in Bali in December 2007.

The United States, the lone major industrial nation to reject Kyoto, was opposing India's proposal to strengthen requirements for richer nations to help poorer countries with technology to limit emissions. In one of the most memorable moments in climate change diplomacy, tiny Papua New Guinea implored America to lead or get out of the way. An isolated United States capitulated. But then came the disappointment of the 2009 Copenhagen climate change negotiations.

In Copenhagen, a newly elected President Barack Obama showed "great commitment," even working on proposed global text from his laptop, Ban said. But there were too many differences and negotiations ended with no agreement.

"From the failure of Copenhagen, we learned a great lesson,' Ban said.

One was to have every country provide its own national action plan to combat climate change. Another was to get countries to agree to have a universal climate change agreement by 2015.

The Paris opening was the largest-ever gathering of country leaders, with 150 assembled, the secretary-general said.

Ban recalled the moment the Nicaraguan delegation said "we will not block" a deal. The French foreign minister immediately gaveled approval of the agreement, which was later adopted unanimously.

Ban's perseverance and leadership were essential, said former Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland, who headed a UN-appointed commission that published a groundbreaking report in 1987 outlining the dangers of climate change.

Without Ban, "we cannot take for granted that we would be here." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



THE TIME CAPSULE EDITION

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, second from left, accomplished a major goal in 2015. Through his efforts, 200 governments adopted a global agreement on greenhouse gas emissions. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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PLAYING BY OLD RULES IS ABSURD

Dissonance between Dublin decree, crisis almost ugly

Emina Gamulin Metro

While there are many objects that could have spoken to the perilous journey as many as a million people made to seek a better life in Europe in 2015 — or a life, period — it is multinational indentured agreements that best illustrate the obstacles they faced to entering the West.

For this reason we've enclosed all 29 pages of the Dublin Regulation (also known as the Dublin Regulation III, Regulation No. 604/2013; previously the Dublin II Regulation and Dublin Convention) in the time capsule.

Dublin decreed that EU countries that served as entry points for would-be refugees were responsible for assessing their asylum claims. The country where the asylum



An Iraqi man disembarks from a dinghy with other migrants from the Turkish coast to the Greek island of Lesbos. European Union leaders have set a six-month deadline for deciding whether to push ahead with plans for a border guard agency that could deploy to member states unwilling to manage their borders as thousands continue to arrive in Europe daily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

seeker first applied was responsible for either accepting or rejecting the claim, and the seeker was not allowed to start the process over in

another jurisdiction.

Asylum seeking is nothing new, but something felt unprecedented in what we saw in 2015. People from all over

risked their lives on journeys in rubber boats across the Mediterranean, predominantly arriving on Greek shores and then travelling by land

INTO THE CAPSULE Dublin Regulation **Dublin III Wikipedia page** 2015 saw a record number of displaced people migrating to Europe. The EU agreement known as Dublin III is a reminder of what happens when we're forced to help others with tools that don't work.

in record numbers through the Balkans.

In December, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) announced 2015 was set to break the all-time record for displaced people.

The response in Europe was disappointing. Some countries built fences (Hungary, Slovenia), others restricted passage to people from just a handful of countries (Serbia, Croatia). and even rich, generous Germany, threatened legal action against countries ignoring their quotas.

Dublin wasn't all bad. The first few pages concerning the Geneva Convention, human rights protections and talk of solidarity were promising, but the obstructive role

it played in getting people from point A to point B and unfair onus it put on entrypoint countries rendered much this high-minded talk

Dublin III can remind us of the tragic absurdity of playing by rules that were written for yesterday's world. The dissonance between this carefully crafted agreement and the situation on the ground is almost ugly.

The EU looked at a million asylum claims in 2015 and expected to see triple that over the next year. What's most needed are things that are simple to understand: Brains, heart, guts. I trust that any people who manage to find this capsule in 2045 figured



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TAXI INDUSTRY

UBER RIDING HIGH IN CANADA

Sarah Kester For Metro

Uber is taking Canadian cities by storm.

While people looking for cheap transportation around the city are embracing the app, the taxi industry is not. Cab drivers have held disruptive and angry protests across the country, calling on city officials to do something about what they feel is an illegal

As the battle is waged on the streets and in council meeting rooms, it's increasingly clear the taxi industry isn't going to win this one. They've already started to adapt -- drivers have signed up for Uber to catch more fares and companies are redesigning their apps.

And it's affecting things on the legislative front as well. This November, Canada's competition watchdog recommended de-regulating the taxi industry as a way to level the playing field rather



Whether Uber survives, it's clear their momentum has forever changed the taxi industry.

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An old-timey cab

Despite the angry protestations of cab drivers, it's increasingly clear the taxi industry isn't going to beat Uber.

than creating more rules for

The sharing economy is winning there's no reason to believe its growth won't continue. The Internet is moving faster than legislative bodies can regulate and there may come a time when we don't look to conventional businesses or governments to provide us with our services.

Whether Uber survives, it's clear their momentum has forever changed the taxi industry. Maybe in a few years we'll have several different app based transportation companies. Maybe we'll have an Über monopoly.

One thing is for certain. I wouldn't be surprised if employers start handing out app codes rather than taxi chits.



BREATH OF FRESH HEIR

FACEBOOK

Famous duo quash common perceptions of **Millennials**

Melissa **Dunne**

For Metro Canada

In 2015, Paris Hilton was still contributing little to the world, unless you count hosting DJ gigs in Ibiza and Vegas as giving back, that is.

The blonde heiress to the Hilton Hotel fortune was perhaps best known for parlaying her sex tape into fleeting reality-show fame in the early '00s.

History is littered with heirs and heiresses, like the 34-yearold Hilton, who are silly dilet-

tantes that do nothing to make the world a better place. Her contemporaries, Mark Zuckberberg, 31, and his wife Dr. Priscilla Chan, 30, clearly do not want their baby daughter Max turning into Generation Z's Paris Hilton.

In December, the influential couple became the latest one-per-centers to pledge to give away the majority of their vast fortune.

In typical Millennial fashion at the time, Zuckerberg and Chan posted a cute photo of them gazing at their first-born child on the popular social networking website, Facebook. But, while many Millennials were still paying off their student loans and wondering how they would ever afford to buy a house, the founder of Facebook and his pediatrician wife made a pledge few from their

generation could match. In an open letter they let little Max and the world know they were going to give away 99 per cent of their Facebook shares (about \$45 billion U.S.) during their lifetimes.

According to a Forbes article, it's often said of wealthy American business families: 'The first generation makes it, the second generation spends it, and the third generation blows it."

If Chan and Zuckerberg really do give away most of the money they've made, as promised, there will still be a fair amount of dough for Max (and any future heirs) to spend/blow. Štill, such a young and powerful couple pledging their fortune not to their heirs, but to society, so early in their lives is a significant sea change.

Back in 2010 billionaire

businessmen Warren Buffett and Bill Gates officially started the Giving Pledge in a bid to get wealthy people and their families to give away at least 50 per cent of their wealth to philanthropic or charitable causes during their lifetimes, or in their wills.

At that time many raised their eyebrows and were openly skeptical that one-per-centers would willingly give away their money to help the 99 per cent. The naysayers were wrong.

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Zuckerberg will hopefully influence more rich Millennial parents to pause before blindly passing down wealth to those that don't necessarily need or

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WAIT. SHOULD THIS NEWSPAPER ITSELF BE IN A TIME CAPSULE?

With so much free information available online, the survival of print media is in doubt. We tapped two veteran newsmen for their views on the future of news.



I think newspaper readership is strongest among people who are soon going to be dead.



John Gordon Miller

Author, Yesterday's News: Why Canada's Daily Newspapers are Failing Us

Newspapers are built on a business model that's no longer sustainable. It's not that some people don't prefer newspapers. People who work for them think they're irreplaceable. It's that they can't afford to print and distribute them. Newspapers have failed in Canada and the U.S., and I

expect that to continue and accelerate. I think there will always be a New York Times print newspaper. But for a Canadian newspaper in any big city, I'd say expecting it to survive 25 years would be optimistic.

There are two problems: Declining readership and declining advertising. When the Internet came along, newspapers really underestimated it. If they all got together, they could have become the biggest classified advertiser on the Internet. But they let it go, and the classifieds that used to be 20 or 30 pages are now

one or two. It's all online.

I think newspaper readership is strongest among people who are soon going to be dead. In the next 20 or 25 years, readership is going into the ground. Literally.

Where young people go for their information has been revolutionized by the Internet. They're not going to suddenly develop a newspaper habit. I don't think the newspapers that have migrated to the web are in tune enough with younger readers. So the future of news is really in specialized websites like iPolitics. Among younger people it's

"Why should I trust some old white guy to filter my news for me?

Something very important will be lost. You have to tell the web what you're looking for. But when you're reading the paper, you can turn the page and see something you never thought of being interested in.

We've already seen steps towards newspapers only existing online or printing once a week - those are no longer daily newspapers.

If newspapers continue, they will be free ones like Metro. People always gravitate to something that's free.



Jim **Poling**



Managing Editor, the Hamilton Spectator

Print news is more responsible, easily accessible and tactile. Opening a newspaper is like smelling fresh air. You turn the page and all your senses come alive. It's a new fount of knowledge with every page turned.

Print is part of us. If all somebody did was read one newspaper front to back every day, they'd be the smartest person in the

A newspaper has no 'Sorry, this browser's out of date," and no message saying "Sorry, this plug-in's not working." I know when I turn a page, I get a guaranteed, instant surprise.

The majority of the information people want to read is produced in newsrooms. The good content you read on the Internet is stolen and ripped off and repurposed by other entities. I tell young journalists, don't worry about the platform. Chase the content. Produce good information, and the rest will take care of itself.

Print news has a foreseeable shelf life. Is it declining? Perhaps parts of it are. What's really going on is an advertising change. If the advertising model was as robust as it was 20 years ago, we wouldn't be having this discussion.

I hope people want to pay for news. We provide an incredible and important service in addition to entertainment and comfort and knowledge.

The problem is that we've raised a generation of people who have been told they don't have to pay

for their media in any form. Our sin, as newspapers, was coming late to that party. The web came along and we threw all our content on it. It was like giving everybody free beer. And after three free beers we said, "Hey, now you've got to pay for your beer." I don't think so.

Many people (in the news business) are struggling. There's no doubt we're going through some structural change. But people will get to a point where they do see value in what the news industry produces. And at least some people will pay

The majority of the content people want is made in newsrooms Produce good information, and the rest will take care of itself.

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Into the vault goes the offhand, offcolour comment

Goodbye to the offhand comment, the minor infraction and the ill-conceived joke. We're witnessing the end of the small and inconsequential act.

Consider the fake indigenous headdress beloved by white Halloweeners. In it goes to Metro's time capsule, because you can't get away with it - or anything - anymore.

In our hyper-monitored, hyper-public, hyper-politically correct and hyper-critical world, anything you say or do could potentially go viral. Lowlevel racism is highlighted, and condemned in a way previously reserved for more overt discrimination. If you dare express a less than perfectly progressive (in the eyes of God knows who) opinion, your words could screw you.

Halloween is the perfect example, and nowhere better made this year than at Yale. Students railed against a teacher who tried to advocate for nuance in costume condemnation, instead of topdown rules for what to wear. The lecturer only had to write one email, and watch the New Yorker, the Atlantic, and the New York Times dissect her words, and then, later, report on her resignation.

The controversy became, as many now do, wrapped up in the idea of safe spaces, a new tool being used to silence some voices in the service of the new acceptable norms.

Small transgressions are in-

creasingly public. Post a photo on Facebook, or have a friend post a photo on Facebook, and who knows where it might end up. That image of you posing disrespectfully at a national memorial gets uploaded and the next thing you know, your moment of silliness is being recounted as a prime example of how online rage can ruin your life in a book called So You've Been Publicly Shamed.

Drunken antics during a live TV broadcast (à la FHRITP guys), could echo through social media and cost your job, reputation or self-respect.

On one hand, it's a very good thing to stop reducing whole cultures to imitations of Pocahontas. The small ripples of insensitivity rest on the surface of a much deeper sea of exploitation, inequality and racism we have yet to solve.

But mistakes of the insensitive or racist variety are inevitably made by otherwise decent people - and the constant policing of opinions does not mean unsavoury ones disappear. They only go into hiding, until they find a more acceptable avenue of expression. Like, say, a presidential candidate. Or a migration crisis that can easily be twisted to buoy xenophobia.

Either way, I don't think we can win a fight against the rise of perpetually threatening consequences to everything you say or do. We must now live carefully, and let live.



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Here are some of the landmark moments in the Canadian history of one of humanity's most devastating diseases. Along with some more recent developments, we speculate what might happen in the yet-unwritten history of HIV/AIDS. BY DEVON SCOBLE/FOR METRO CANADA

PrEP: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

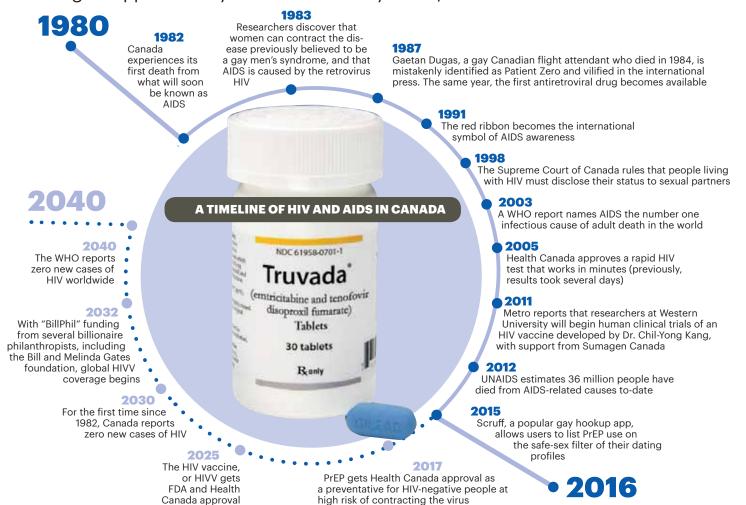
PrEP, which recent research has been shown to prevent HIV transmission in 90 per cent of cases, got its first Metro Canada coverage in the final months of 2014.

A staff writer described the Truvada brand of PrEP as both "a revolution in protection against HIV" and a "polarizing" treatment.

By 2015, many were calling on Health Canada to fast-track the drug's approval as a preventative treatment.

"It would be one step toward making PrEP more accessible to people who are at risk of HIV," Len Tooley, team coordinator at the HIV Prevention Lab of Ryerson University, told Metro.

Another healthcare advocate quoted by Metro called it a "public health disaster in the making," fearing PrEP would lead at-risk groups to abandon protected sex.





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Eddie Redmayne was nominated for a 2016 Golden Globe for his role in The Danish Girl. HANDOUT

GENDER

When it came to transgender rights, 2015 was a game-changer

Devon **Scoble** For Metro Canada

Imagine a world divided by strict gender codes, where men and women are born into their socially

mandated roles and the binary is policed by gendered pronouns - 'he' and 'she' for some instead of 'they' for all. Imagine a world where sexspecific washrooms are the norm, where trans individuals face harassment just for being themselves.

In the future, this will sound ridiculous, but in 2015, it's reality.

Change will come, perhaps sporadically. This year The New York Times started using the genderneutral honorific Mx. for individuals who neither identify as male or female, but the move has been largely ignored outside LGBTQ and copyediting circles.

In 2015, The Washington Post also officially accepted 'they' as a singular pronoun.

But some cultural shifts happen faster than we can describe them, and while debates over honorifics and pronouns have failed to capture public interest, transgender issues were front and centre this year when Bruce Jenner became her true self: Caitlyn, a beautiful, media-savvy woman.

By no means the first trans spokesperson, Jenner was the most prominent and her transition sparked an important social conversation.

Trans stories like Jenner's received unprecedented media coverage in 2015. Actor Jeffrey Tambor won a Golden Globe for portraying a trans woman on the television show Transparent, and as the year closed, Eddie Redmayne was nominated for a 2016 Golden Globe for his role in The

In the film, Redmayne played Lili Elbe, one of the first people to undergo sex reassignment surgery. And Laverne Cox, who played transgender character Sophia Burset on the prison drama Orange Is the New Black, won a Daytime Emmy for her documentary Laverne Cox Presents: The T Word.

These awards and nominations helped promote trans stories, but tellingly, only one of the three actors Cox — was actually transgender.

Despite the positive trans coverage, the real world wasn't always easy for trans individuals.

In February 2015, Theron Meyer, a 20-year-old Simon Fraser University student who identified as trans feminine, told Metro of the humiliations she faced having to choose between the men's and women's washroom.

"They look at me, they exit the washroom and then look at me again to make sure what my gender is," said Meyer. "That's very ostracizing. I think a lot of people don't experience that, and don't understand the degree to which that is harmful to my livelihood and to other trans people's livelihood."

TRANSGENDER TRAILBLAZERS **OF 2015**

Harriette Cunningham

Harriette Cunningham's birth certificate read male, but Cunningham never doubted it was wrong. In 2015, the 12-vearold from Comox Valley, B.C. was fighting to have gender designations removed from official documents in British Columbia.

Aydian Dowling

Aydian Dowling didn't win the Men's Health 2015 "Ultimate Guy Search," but the trans activist, model and



Caitlyn Jenner

for winning awards

based on her

activism.

Criticized for her wealth, privilege and surprisingly traditional politics, Caitlyn Jenner was still instrumental in bringing transgender issues to a larger audience. In 2015, Metro columnist Emma Teitel called her "a walking, collageninjected catch-22... damned for speaking out and damned for keeping quiet; damned for being an inferior activist and damned



INTO THE CAPSULE

Gender neutral bathroom sign

Transgender rights were in the spotlight in 2015; from TV shows and movies like Transparent, Orange is the New Black and The Danish Girl, to Caitlyn Jenner's sit-down interview with Diane Sawyer and Aydian Dowling almost winning Men's Health 2015's Ultimate Guy Search. But for all the glitz, it was a simple sign — seen in everyday life — that symbolized the change most of all.



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Domestic workers step into spotlight

Ned **Ehrbar** Metro | Hollywood

At one point it was something of a Hollywood cliché: husbands sneaking off to engage in dalliances with their families' nannies, endangering their marriages in the process. But it seemed that topic had quieted in recent years, with domestic staff quietly going about their often invisible business. But two high-profile celebrity breakups

this summer brought the topic back to the foreground of the pop culture landscape.

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First, in late June, Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner announced they were ending their 10-year marriage, and rumors quickly began circulating that Affleck was dating the couple's nanny, Christine Ouzounian. Ouzounian handily turned the moment to her advantage, keeping her chin up and hiring a publicist.

And then in August, Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale announced a divorce of their very own, with further speculation that the 1990s rock star had been caught having some play-dates of his own with their nanny.

In a much less salacious story closer to home, new Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau defended his move to task two nannies with the care of this three young children, despite outcries about the use of the public purse.

"We have a different family situation with three small children than the Harpers did," Trudeau said, referring to former prime minister Stephern Harper, shortly after taking office. "That means we will operate within the same family budget that the previous prime minister had, but we will shuffle it around so that it fits better our priorities."

What's most fascinating about all of this, especially in the case of Ouzounian, is how this job is finally getting such mainstream recognition, putting childcare work in the spotlight when the role — predominantly

filled by women, minorities and immigrants - had previously been kept

to the side. What they'll do with this media moment is yet to be seen they can't all be as media-savvy as Ouzounian — but it is refreshing to see some recognition coming their way.



Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau's children wait for their parents with grandmother Margaret Trudeau (top left) and nanny Marilou Trayvilla (top right). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INTO THE CAPSULE

Christine Ouzounian, the celebrity nanny

The rich have always had nannies to help look after the kids, and it's not unheard of for husbands to get caught having the au pair look after them a bit as well - just ask Jude Law. But in 2015, it felt like the nanny had something of a moment.



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Aliens and anthropologists will need a dictionary to understand the lit language of 2015. ISTOCK

TODAY'S TEXTS: A GLOSSARY

Yaaas queen, an on fleek guide to lingo

Brown Metro | Canada

Every year, new words and phrases creep into our lexicon and while some stick around,

Here, we preserve the words and phrases of 2015 as a guide for future anthropologists attempting to decipher reddits, Facebook posts and tweets.

Because it's 2015: Credited to Justin Trudeau, progressive Prime Minister and moonlighting Vogue model. Used as a retort to people who question the reasons for mandated gender and racial equality in cabinet appointments.

put together with 'and chill,' it becomes a polite guise for 'hey come over to my house so we can have sex.'

On fleek: It could be argued 'on fleek' is a phrase of 2014, but people of Instagram have spent most of 2015 trying to move the word to IRL. Can we just accept it's not happening and move on? Oh yes, the definition: It's the equivalent of 'on point' — specifically in the beauty realm - most likely used to describe eyebrows. As in "eyebrows on fleek."

"Face with tears of joy" emoji For the first time, the Oxford Dictionary's Word of the Year in 2015 was not a word,

INTO THE CAPSULE

but an emoji instead. Oxford University Press worked with mobile technology business SwiftKey to select the most popular emoji used around the world in 2015. AFP

many fade from everyday use, Netflix and chill: People of the becoming anachronistic relics occasionally tossed around by an aging uncle trying to hold onto his high school football glory days.

future who don't know what Netflix is: It's a ubiquitous video streaming service that ushered in the demise of brick and mortar video stores. When

Yaaas: A substitution word for 'yes' just won't do to convey your excitement about a person, place or thing. Yaaas first appeared on the radar two years ago in a video clip from the Instagram account

of Johnny Versayce as he used it to shout his approval to one fierce looking Lady Gaga as she strutted down a red carpet. It's now used across the internet to show excited approval.















































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With a female lead and diverse cast, The Force Awakens sets new rules for smash hits. HANDOUT

The much anticipated seventh installment of the star wars trilogy blasted its way into theatres in December 2015, setting box office records in Canada and around the world.

Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures Canada said the newest movie in the epic space drama reached \$18.6 million in ticket during its opening weekend.

Studio estimates on Dec. 20, 2015, suggested the film brought in a galactic \$238 million over the weekend, making it the biggest North American debut of all time, and destroy the previous opening record set by Jurassic World, which

drew \$208.8 million in the summer of 2015.

What's more, some were suggesting the film, directed by J.J. Abram, would usher a change in the way blockbuster movies are cast in Hollywood, because of Star Wars female lead and the diversity of its cast. METRO/CANADIAN PRESS









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Hello indeed, Adele! The soulful Brit debuted her longawaited album, 25, and it gives a huge year-end boost to the struggling music industry. In a time of illegal downloads and pirated music, the album sold a whopping 5 million copies in just three weeks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE LAST DAYS OF LIVING LARGE

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Detached homes face extinction

Devon Scoble For Metro Canada

Dec 26, 2015, 8 p.m.: The Lees, a typical Canadian family, are relaxing in their living room.

Here's mom, Jennifer, aged 46, comfy in yoga pants and a loose cardigan, reading a magazine made with slick sheets of glossy paper. There's dad, Christopher, 45 years old, beard shot with grey, belly gently straining the buttons of his soft plaid shirt.

He grips a plastic cylinder covered with buttons; every so often his thumb jabs one, changing the images on the flatscreen across the room.

Emily, their 13-year-old daughter sits on an ottoman, leggings tucked beneath her, manicured fingers tapping her smartphone. Occasionally she directs the phone's camera towards her face, pushes her lips out like a duck's beak and angles her chin for a leaner profile.

Her efforts to capture the perfect selfie are continually threatened by her younger brother, Ethan, 10, who will sacrifice points on his iPad game if it means annoying his sister with a choice photobomb.

It's a holiday, and this is family time. Swaths of empty space stretch between each Lee in this 300-square-foot room designed for the sole purpose of



This rendering shows the type of micro suites Reliance Properties is proposing for a project in Vancouver. Reliance Properties HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

media consumption, but they are comfortable.

At this moment, they have no idea theirs will be the last generation to inhabit such vast living spaces, and little sense of the consequences. They understand the financial costs, of course.

Rising real estate prices are a

hot topic in 2015, and Jen and Chris worry their children will never afford homes of their own. Occupy, COP21, KonMari, Precarity Protests: these things are happening around them, or about to happen. The portrait of their era is taking shape, but the paint's still wet and it's hard to see the whole picture.

They are both right and wrong about the kids. Emily and Ethan won't buy houses like the one they grew up in, but they will have homes, albeit much smaller ones. Early models are already popping up: they call them tiny homes, microcondos and laneway houses.

Critics worry their construction will force the needy into cramped and dangerous domiciles; early adopters praise their efficient and environmentally responsible design.

In 2015, they are pet projects for environmentalists, urban design enthusiasts and off-the-grid types. The social forces that will make them necessary are still developing; the advances that will make them truly comfortable await invention.

For now, 300 square feet of living room feels reasonable, and the Lees are managing just fine. Jennifer's magazine brims with tips on achieving worklife balance, an obsession of the time.

One article suggests transparent storage bins for excess goods; another describes the supplies she'll need to stock a

personal yoga room.

In the corner, a plastic Christmas tree sparkles with LED lights (Chris still can't get over how cool they are compared to the hot electric bulbs of his youth). At its base a pile of freshly opened presents awaits its fate. Jen sets the magazine down, picks up her phone, and begins tapping out four related lists: Keep, Sell, Return and Donate.

Over the ensuing days, weeks and years, the Lees will spend countless hours buying, returning, cleaning, organizing and re-organizing their things; despite the enormity of their home, they will each, at some point, complain that it is too small.





INTO THE CAPSULE

A single-family, detached home

In 2015, Metro published dozens of stories on a growing trend: shrinking homes. Micro condos, laneway houses and tiny homes were not the norm in 2015 — an October story estimated only one per cent of new homes measured less than 1,000 square feet. But rising real estate costs, urban land shortages (particularly in Vancouver) and a push towards sustainable building practices added interest and urgency to these stories as Canadians began seriously considering a downsized future.



GOOD RIDDANCE, PESKY CABLE BILLS

'Pick and pay' is the new way to watch television

Brian Gasparek For Metro Canada As we get closer to a future that features every TV show, movie or special that we're interested in watching being instantly accessible on cheap streaming services like Netflix, iTunes, Amazon and Shomi, it's baffling to think about the way we've been forced to consume television for all of these years, and the costs we've been charged for it.

Monday, December 28, 2015

Until 2015, we've been watching TV by renting digital cable boxes and ordering expensive channel packages through one of a few giant Canadian cable providers. These providers have had complete control over the package costs and what channels are included in each of

Although the providers have been wise to the specific channels that we love to watch the most, they haven't let us pay for just those alone. Instead, they've

taken our beloved channels, combined them with a bunch of less desirable ones, and have been making us pay a bundled rate for everything together.

If we don't buy the bundle, we can't have the channels.

The worst part is that





A cable bill

This year, the CRTC decided that Canadian consumers will no longer have to pay for expensive traditional cable packages and will now have the right to "pick and pay" for only the individual channels that they want to purchase, beginning in 2016.





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several of our favourite channels have been featured in separate bundles and, if we want access, we have to buy them all.

Many of us have been paying for more than 500 channels in our homes, when we really watch only a dozen of them regularly.

But thanks to our federal broadcast regulator, the CRTC, the end of this ridiculousness was announced this year.

After fielding endless complaints from disgruntled couch potatoes who were sick of paying for unwanted content, as well as becoming aware of the popularity of cheaper TV options like online streaming, the CRTC laid the smackdown on our cable providers' monopoly this past spring.
The CRTC told our providers

that starting in 2016, consumers will be given the right to "pick and pay" for only the channels that we actually want to watch.

Once we've purchased a cheap, price-regulated basic cable package from the providers, we will be able to pay for channels individually, like a digital à la carte menu. The old channel bundles will still be an option, but only if we feel like shelling out for them. It's a truly glorious time, from the consumer's perspective.

We chose to include this cable bill inside our time capsule because it represents how 2015 finally changed the archaic Canadian cable industry as well as the cost of TV watching forever.



Coaxial Cable

A growing number of Canadians were ditching their traditional television subscriptions, according to a CBC research study.

The May 2015 report said more than half of Canadians currently without cable television have "cut the cord."

Why important:

"With the prevalence of TV content on the Internet and Netflix, Canadians are seeing less need to have a TV subscription," the report said.

Sixteen per cent of Canadians don't pay for a traditional TV service, up from 12 per cent three years ago, the report said.

"We consider it a big jump," said Mark Allen, senior director of corporate research at CBC/ Radio-Canada in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS



In the past people would pay for 500 channels but watch only a few. This will no longer be the case. ISTOCK

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THE LAST NAKED PLAYBOY ISSUE

PAPER PORN

Readers really will buy the magazine for its articles now

Brian **Gasparek** For Metro Canada



The fleshy, vixen-graced cover of the Jan/Feb 2016 edition of Playbook is the very last issue of the magazine to ever feature a naked woman in its pages. And that last naked woman happens to be the most popular naked woman in the history of printed pornography.

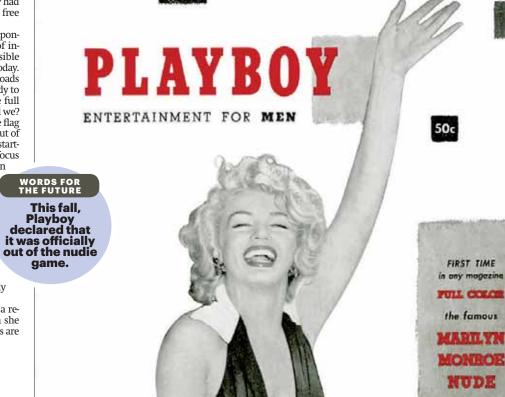
It may be mind-boggling to think we lived in an age where our carnal urge to look at sex and nudity couldn't be satisfied by the click of a mouse or a tap of a tablet at any time during the day. Prior to the endless assortment of free porn online, one of the only ways that the consumers of yesteryears could get their hands on pornography was to buy it in magazine form at convenience stores or through snail-mail subscriptions. How weird is it that porn once cost money and you had to exert some effort to get it? At its peak point of success, Playboy had 5.6 million monthly readers... but free internet porn killed its reign.

The high-speed revolution is responsible for bringing us the wealth of information — and instantly accessible porno — that we're familiar with today. Streaming sites and instant downloads have squashed the need for anybody to ever spend money on a magazine full of naked women again. Why would we?

This fall, Playboy waved its white flag and declared that it was officially out of the nudie game. It announced that starting in 2016, the magazine would focus on quality written content to win over new readers. But not before this one last historic naked issue.

For its final cover girl, Playboy paid tribute to its most iconic nude model of all time, Canadian actress Pamela Anderson. Anderson helped make the magazine a gargantuan success in four different decades, allowing it to be the official outlet to share her once highly desired body with the world.

She appeared naked in Playboy a record-setting 15 times, 14 of which she also graced the cover. But those days are now gone forever.





INTO THE CAPSULE

Jan/Feb 2016 Playboy Magazine

The magazine that helped usher in the sexual revolution in the 1950s and '60s by bringing nudity into living rooms, announced in 2015 that it will no longer run photos of completely naked women. Released on Dec. 1, 2015, this final edition featured Canadian actress Pamela Anderson.



The godfather of porno mags was Playboy. Dating back to 1953, Playboy was the first publication of its kind to release a monthly magazine filled with naked women, sandwiched between a variety of articles that men would swear up and down was their reason for buying it.

Up until the end of this year, Playboy was the marquee porno mag to satisfy all skin-gawking urges. It maintained a level of class and quality (for porn) over its copycat competition, like Penthouse.

We thought it was important to share this naked artifact in our time capsule because it not only represents how 2015 marked the end of Playboy's reign as the godfather of porn, it also witnessed the demise of an archaic medium in the skin industry.

So long porno-Playboy!

Marilyn Monroe on the December 1953 debut issue of the gentleman's magazine. HANDOUT



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AFTER YEARS OF FUTILITY

BLUE JAYS BRING IT HOME

BASEBALL

Team boasts major-league best 891 runs

Vincent Man Metro | Toronto

The big, ugly monkey that had made its home on the back of the Toronto Blue Jays for the last 22 years has vanished.

Ånd the team's punishing bats can be thanked for that.

Well aware that it had the dubious distinction of the team with the longest absence from the playoffs, the franchise desperately searched for a way in for the first time since 1993.

In reality, the Blue Jays' magical 2015 season began the previous November. First, general manager Alex Anthopoulos paid above market value to sign catcher Russell Martin. He followed that up by dealing fan favourite Brett Lawrie and acquiring all-star third baseman Josh Donaldson from the Oakland Athletics - a swap that signalled he had his

Jose Bautista's bat

INTO THE CAPSULE

After the Jays slugging right-fielder hit his

instantly iconic home run in Game 5 of the

ture of fury and pure joy. The "bat flip" was

2015 ALDS, he tossed his bat with a mix-

the moment that underscored 2015, the

year the Jays began to act like winners.

eyes squarely on the post-season. Anthopoulos was not done

there, however. With the team not quite over the hump, the GM orchestrated a number of game-changing trades in July. In the days leading up to the trade deadline, the team acquired slugging shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, veteran reliever LaTroy Hawkins, speedy outfield Ben Revere, setup man Mark Lowe and, the pièce de résistance, former Cy Young award-winner David Price.

The Blue Jays cleared their farm system of their prized pitching prospects but they also pieced together an all-star cast.

Sensing the shift from playing for the future to playing for today, fans began to support the Jays in full force. Rogers Centre, which had seemingly been only half full since the team's glory years, instantly boasted sold-out crowds. And paying customers were not disappointed.

The Jays, who were hovering around the .500 mark at the time of the blockbusters, quickly climbed the standings with opposing pitching staffs left licking their wounds. The batting lineup anchored by Donaldson, Jose Bautista and Edwin Encar-



Jays fever took a hold of fans as the team advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1993. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

nacion finished the season with a major-league best 891 runs.

Toronto's pitching also held its own. Price went 9-1, while starter Marco Estrada (13-8,

3.13 ERA) and 20-year-old closer Roberto Osuna (20 saves) emerged as key arms.

The Jays won the AL Éast with a 93-69 record and defeated the Texas Rangers in the ALDS - but not before an epic comeback. They lost the first two games in the series, and then forced a deciding fifth game after a pair of their own wins.

The emotionally-charged Game 5 saw the Jays trail 3-2 in the seventh inning when Bautista belted a three-run home run, followed by a bat flip of the tape-measure variety. They won the game 6-3.

The Blue Jays ran out of magic in the ALCS when they were beaten in six games by the Kansas City Royals, the eventual World Series champs.

It could be argued the Jays are in position to repeat their winning ways in 2016 with many key players expected to return. At the very least, they will have a large following - both new and old.

With everyone invested in

this team having experienced playoff baseball, failure is no longer an option and winning a championship is surely the next step in the master plan.

🚹 OFF-SEASON MOVES

- · Mark Shapiro was hired to replace the retiring Paul Beeston as the team's president and CEO.
- Soon after, Anthopoulos declined a contract offer to stay on as GM. The Jays

eventually hired Ross Atkins.

• The Boston Red Sox signed David Price to a seven-year, \$217-million deal after Toronto failed to make a contract offer.

CANADA PROVES WORTHY STAGE

It's hard to believe now, but before the cauldron was lit there was anxiety surrounding the Pan Am Games.

There were traffic and transit concerns. The price tag seemed extraneous for what many considered a B-level event. Whispers of low ticket sales and hotel reservations hinted at financial doom and gloom.

In the years leading up to them, the Pan Am-Parapan Am Games were on the periphery of public awareness. The brand wasn't widely loved or even wellknown in Canada; top athletes from around the Americas mostly sat out. But even though they didn't capture the imagination of a country or arguably even a city, it's hard to dump on the Games.

Getting tens of thousands of volunteers — and Kanye! — to show up, avoiding total chaos and keeping Toronto secure while hosting tens of thousands should be considered a success.

Plus, Canada achieved its goal of finishing second in the medal standings, nabbing 217. Only the U.S. won more with 265.

At the Parapans our 168 podium appearances were second only to Brazil's 257.

Many of us were introduced to rising stars like sprinter Andre De Grasse, gymnast Ellie Black and point guard Jamal Murray.

In the afterglow, for a few weeks at least, Toronto thought that maybe, just maybe, it could host the Big One.

But cooler heads prevailed and Toronto's 2024 Olympic bid was taken off the table. And of course there are still reasons to gripe. The Pan/Parapan Ams only

back million on the \$2.423 billion invested. Fiftyseven organizing officials sharing a \$5.7-million bonus just for staying under budget still chafes.

But in coming years, the sporting impact will come back into focus. Pan Am standouts will win medals at the Olympics in Rio. If



INTO THE CAPSULE

Andre DeGrasse's gold medal

Canadian athletes, like the winner of the 100-metre dash, served notice that a new generation of medal contenders are on the horizon just in time for Rio. But, despite the perceived success of the Pan Am Games, Toronto put aside its Olympic hosting

Canada improves on the 18 medals it won at the 2012 Olympics, some revisionists will look back at TO2015 more fondly.

So the Pan/Parapan Am Games' real legacy will rest in

the athletes of the near and farther future, and Toronto showed that it is capable of hosting THE Games. But just because you can doesn't necessarily mean you should. LAURIE WILSON/METRO

STAYING AFLOAT

IN A SEA OF CORRUPTION

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Players rise up amidst FIFA controversy

Laurie Wilson Metro

On the eve of the 2015 Women's World Cup, the ladies of the 24 best soccer-playing nations combated the corruption and ineptitude of the sport's governing body in the best way

possible: They played the game. On May 27, just 10 days from the start of the World Cup, FIFA was thrown into unprecedented turmoil when 14 officials were indicted by the FBI on money laundering, wire fraud and racketeering charges.

The newly re-elected Sepp Blatter said he would step down as FIFA head. Perhaps not surprisingly he abandoned the Women's World Cup, eschewing his duties as president and electing instead to bunker down in Switzerland.

He was hardly missed.

First-time hosts Canada opened with a 1-0 win over China in the opener at Commonwealth Stadium on June 6. Christine Sinclair converted from the penalty spot in the 92nd-minute kicking off the

INTO THE CAPSULE

The 2015 Women's World Cup marked a

turning point for FIFA and soccer in gen-

eral. The event offset the dismantling and

restructuring of world soccer's governing

body, putting the focus back where it be-

Piece of artificial turf from

Women's World Cup

1.3 million

Over 1.3 million fans attended the 52 games played in Moncton, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg Edmonton and Vancouver from June 6 to July 5. FIFA and KantarSport

reported record TV numbers with 764 million tuning into the World Cup final. The U.S.-Japan match had better ratings (3.8 million) in Canada than Game 6 of the 2015 Stanley Cup final (2.6 million)

party across the country.

Still the issue of the playing surfaces which had hung over the event for months remained at the fore during the cup. The artificial turfs reportedly boosted temperatures exponentially at field level, the synthetic surfaces sucking in heat and focusing the sweltering June sun's rays down on the players.

Despite going undefeated through the Round of 16, the added glare of the national spotlight seemed to do nothing but stunt the host team's attack.

John Herdman's squad showed a lack of cohesion. Four goals in five matches signalled something was wrong ahead



Kadeisha Buchanan chases down the ball during first half FIFA Women's World Cup quarter-final soccer action against England in Vancouver. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of the quarter-final against England.

That lack of offence ensured Lauren Sesselmann's defensive gaffe in the quarter-

final against England would stand as the defining moment for the Reds. Sinclair's goal was not enough for Canada to avoid elimination with a 2-1 loss.

England carried that bad luck with it to its own 2-1 defeat in

the semifinal against Japan. Defender Laura Bassett's own goal in the 92nd minute laid claim to Most-Heartbreaking Moment of the Tournament.

The U.S. held serve with a 2-0 semi-final win over Germany setting up a dream finish. The Americans would get the chance to avenge their shootout loss to Japan in the 2011 World Cup.

Cue American captain Carli Lloyd.

W̃hen it was all said and done, the finale that was hyped as too close to call was all but over less than a quarter of the way in.

Lloyd had the Japanese scrambling and the thousands of Americans in attendance at BC Place in euphoria when she completed her treble at the 16-minute mark. She capped off the hat-trick with an audacious mid-field strike the likes of which might never be see again in a World Cup final.

After Lloyd's wonder goal, the Americans cruised to a 5-2 win and celebrated their third World Cup championship and first since 1999.

By a number of measurements the 2015 Women's World Cup was being considered the best ever just over a month after FIFA corruption threatened to overshadow the proceedings.

Despite pledging to step down, Blatter continued to cling to his power, drawing out his own demise.

But the 2015 Women's World Cup made it clear that the sport itself had already moved on without him.

FLAMES' PLAYOFF RUN

longs - on the game.

RED MILE LEAVES MANY RED FACED



In late 2014, sports pundits were predicting the Calgary Flames would finish near the bottom of the League — the team certainly wasn't expected to make it to playoffs.

But it was just a few months until the Red Mile was reignited, reaching full steam after the Flames' April 9 win over the Los Angeles Kings. The 3-1 win eliminated the Kings from the post-season and officially gave the Flames their first playoff appearance in six years.

The entire city was painted red, which is why we're packing up a jersey brandishing Sean Monahan's No. 24 in our yearend time capsule. With 31 goals, and a penchant for scoring the game-winner, Monahan was one of Calgary's top players.

In the future, where we find you, reader, you'll likely still be talking about the fervour created in the city during the Flames'

2004 run to the Stanley Cup final, but the 2014-2015 season won't be far behind.

Even die-hard fans were taken by surprise, as the Flames were supposed to be in Year 2 of a rebuild. The excitement resurrected the infamous Red Mile (along with its supposed "all-ingood-fun" shenanigans and their accompanying controversy).

Every game night, businesses along 17th Avenue — and the street itself — were packed. But some women were shying away

chant, show y o u r cans for Monahan," emerged from the woodwork, along with a website and Twitter and Instagram accounts with the hopes of convincing women to shed their clothes as a game-day cele-

The creator of showyourcansformonahan.ca took the site



INTO THE CAPSULE

EVENTFUL YEAR FOR MONAHAN Sean Monahan was one of the Calgary

Flames' leading players, with 31 goals, but his name was also attached to a more

down shortly after, but it still left a mark for some, and stood as testament to the Red Mile's ability to transform a street overnight.

"It's ruining the game for so many families," said local musician Kenna Burima in April. "So many people that want to support the Flames, now almost want to see them lose, because we just want to be done with fearing for our friends' safety — which I literally am."

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RECIPE Leftover Turkey Pot Pies



Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

Use up your leftover turkey and make an easy dinner with a little store-bought puff pastry.

Readvin Prep time: 60 minutes Serves 6

Ingredients

- 4 Tbsp butter
- •11/2 lbs cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced • 2 cups leftover turkey, cubed
- •1 cup frozen peas
- •1 onion, diced
- · 2 cloves garlic, minced •1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup flour
- •1 cup low sodium vegetable broth • 1/2 cup light cream
- · Salt and pepper to taste
- •1 package frozen puff pastry (397 grams)
- 1 egg

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a large pot or Dutch oven. melt butter over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, mushrooms, celery, thyme and pepper and cook 12 to 15 minutes until vegetables soften. Add cooked turkey and stir.

- 3. Sprinkle flour over and stir. Let cook for a minute or two to get rid of the raw flour taste. Stir in the stock, cream and frozen peas. Simmer for a couple minutes. Taste to check seasoning.
- 4. On a lightly floured countertop, roll out your puff pastry until it is 1/4-inch thick. Cut into squares that will cover your ramekins and flop over the edges a bit.
- 5. Ladle vegetable mixture into individual ramekins. Place a little pastry lid over each. Whisk an egg with just a bit of water in a small bowl. Brush the top of each pie with the egg wash. Take a knife and score slits into the pastry tops. Place the ramekins on a cookie sheet and bake for 25 to 30 minutes until the crusts are golden. Allow to rest and cool for at least 15 minutes before serving. They will be hot, hot, hot.

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65. Moray _ 66. Santa's wife,

. Claus

68. Tree type

69. Actor Stephen

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20 You don't have to do anything special or go anywhere new to get what you need - those things will find you if you stay put. Let others run around and tire themselves while you relax.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Have the courage to follow your dreams. If you reach for the sky you will achieve something truly amazing. It's time to get over your self-doubt and shine like a star again.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Things will get even better when Mercury, your ruler, changes signs towards the end of the week. Social activities and travel plans are under excellent stars at the moment, so get out and about and have fun.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Others say you're aiming too high but you're determined to prove them wrong. There is nothing you like more than a challenge but don't get so competitive that you start treating friends as rivals.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Everything you do affects what happens in the future. Also, as you think today so you will be tomorrow, and how you act tomorrow will build your future prosperity.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Before you go telling everyone what they should be doing maybe you should wait a bit. Towards the end of the week you may see the situation in a very different light.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23. If you are the kind of Libra who enjoys organizing social events and getting involved in causes you'll enjoy yourself today. Even if you're not that kind of Libra, aim to be one.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 You'll go out of your way to help people in need. Are you trying to make up for things you should have done earlier in the year? It doesn't really matter. Good works are valuable no matter the motivation

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 You need to get serious about money and what happens next will force you to save. But you also need to find new sources of income, so keep your eyes and ears open.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Make an effort to get your message across over the next few days, because once Mercury, planet of communication, leaves your birth sign next weekend that won't be so easy.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Allow your imagination to roam and don't reject ideas because they seem far-fetched. You have the power to make things happen but they won't just happen as if by magic. Visual ize your goals then act decisively.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20 Others may say you're acting irrationally but so what? Most likely they are simply jealous because they are stuck in the past and don't share your ability to look ahead.

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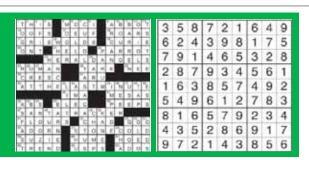
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